



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
DRUG COURT WEEK
MAY 23-29, 2004

WHEREAS, North Dakota's juvenile drug court program provides the focus and leadership for community-wide, anti-drug systems, bringing together criminal justice, treatment, education and other community partners in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and

WHEREAS, drug court programs combine intensive judicial supervision, mandatory substance abuse treatment, drug testing, and sanctions and incentives to break the cycle of drug addiction and its resulting crime; and

WHEREAS, since its inception four years ago, North Dakota's juvenile drug court program has had 130 participants with 49 graduations, with juveniles improving their school attendance and grades, graduating from high school, completing treatment, and establishing positive and healthy relationships with their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, treatment and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement and corrections personnel, researchers and educators, state and community leaders and others dedicated to the drug court program have had a profound impact through hard work and commitment; and

WHEREAS, as part of National Drug Court Month, North Dakota is designating a week to recognize the practitioners and participants who make drug courts work and the significant contributions that such a program has made, and continues to make, in reducing drug usage and crime; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 23-29, 2004, **DRUG COURT WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State